

Dear Walter I came to hear  
our dear father. He sent quite  
near. Go restore him for the  
sake of health & you & for that  
word in his principles very  
improve. Do send for your  
Mother if he sent word in  
undoubtedly. Her case he said  
when I was at your house  
his vigils & abstinence were  
scattering his bones.

With the best  
feeling Sarah found a long  
time with me & after I had  
got all of her transcendental  
notions I told her of my advi-  
cations of your house. Like all  
great folks she neither pitied  
nor offered it - these things  
are like bubbles with foam &  
burst beneath eternal seas.  
Truth she did reject - & asked  
a little respect, tho' I feel as



prepared for every extravagance  
in the present article of reforme  
tion, said she should no more  
think of a premiere evening  
in a hall than if she had said  
she would kill me. I do not re-  
pent the premiere only not being  
sooner - and like the interference  
of friendship if you choose on  
the present footing. At this  
view she was satisfied. And  
with the condition that you  
will never trif<sup>le</sup> with my  
premiere. Yet as to doing with  
out my dear W., <sup>gar!!</sup> myself on  
mains as poor Maria said.  
And when the dreams of ambi-  
tion of a material or essential na-  
ture are dissolved before form-  
ing present commitments - these may  
be compared to the shadows  
which pass over a ruin when  
the owner stands alone and  
says he is still rich tho' the



abstinence is given. I have  
trouble to get some food from  
this vague benevolence to  
add to my often wearying pro-  
wicked that men the bulkiness  
taint of an Alcott and unopposed  
some spirit that dwells on the  
confines of matter & spirit to  
be a glow worm in my twilight-  
But better to keep on perhaps  
in the path of reverence &  
have those great things which be-  
long to their Author. To submit  
to these contradictions in our  
nature which forbid us to rest in  
one Absolute Agent or in the  
finite - which present so much dis-  
cipline - united is the fact and  
the mystic direction as well as  
well as practical. Love to your  
wife & sister. Let me know what  
Dr. Johnson said & how C. does &  
you will add another page to  
your off. Aunt Anne

as for that  
I hope you  
will be well

Dear Charles  
This is a  
very so  
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Mr R W or M C Emerson

Dr Peabody